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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN OIL DEPENDENCE

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1445

1. ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH IN LOCAL PRESS, LONDON SUNDAY
TIMES HAS LEAKED A REPORT ON SOUTH AFRICAN OIL VULNERABILITY
BY MARTIN BAILEY AND BERNARD RIVERS, COMMISSIONED BY UN
CENTER AGAINST APARTHEID.

2. REPORT, TO BE ISSUED THIS WEEK, DENIES CLAIMS THAT TWO
SASOL PROJECTS WOULD PROVIDE ONE-THIRD OF SOUTH AFRICA'S
OIL NEEDS. REPORT ARGUES THAT INTERNATIONAL AID PROGRAM
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COULD MITIGATE EFFECT OF OIL SANCTIONS ON LESOTHO, BOTSWANA,
AND SWAZILAND. ALSO STATES THAT TANKERS VIOLATING SANCTIONS
COULD BE OBSERVED IN S.A. PORTS AND COULD BE IMPOUNDED
AT NEXT PORT OF CALL.

3. DESPITE DOUBTS OVER RIVERS' IMPARTIALITY, REPORT'S
COMMENT ON SASOL SEEMS TO TALLY WITH CONCLUSIONS OF

RESOURCES' OFFICER 'JOHANNESBURG 1445) THAT TWO SASOL
PROJECTS COULD PROVIDE MAXIMUM OF 22 PERCENT OF S.A.
CRUDE OIL REQUIREMENTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PRETORIA AND JOHANNESBURG REQUEST
COPIES OF BAILEY-RIVERS STUDY FROM DEPARTMENT OR
LONDON WHEN ISSUED. WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN
REACTION OF APPROPRIATE U.S. AGENCIES TO ANALYSIS
CONTAINED IN JOHANNESBURG 1445 RE SASOL CAPABILITIES,
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